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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2000 in the above-captioned application. A petition for a three month extension of time, from April 7, 2000 to and including July 7, 2000, is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a Sequence Listing.

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

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